

Moscow Schoolhouse
AL-VI-C-199
Fourth Street Moscow
1890

Some schoolhouses in the Georges's Creek mining region were provided by mining companies before Allegany County's school building program was implemented during the 1870's. It is possible that this larger schoolhouse, built in 1890 on land purchased from Andrew B. Shaw, replaced a smaller one made obsolete by population growth. Like other schools built late in the nineteenth or early in the twentieth century as replacements for earlier schools, it is a larger frame building of three or more classrooms. It has been drastically altered from its original design.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-VI-C-199
MAGI: 0107645608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Moscow Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fourth Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
___ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE ___ MUSEUM
___ COMMERCIAL ___ PARK
___ EDUCATIONAL ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
___ GOVERNMENT ___ SCIENTIFIC
___ INDUSTRIAL ___ TRANSPORTATION
___ MILITARY ___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Moscow Church of the Nazarene, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Barton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE Zip code

Maryland 21521

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 265
Folio #: 598

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Moscow Schoolhouse is located on Fourth Street in Moscow.

The building consists of a rectangular frame building with german siding covered with insulbrick, four bays wide on the south. It rests on a low foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A two stage steeple with a high peaked hip roof is on the west. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice and soffit. The main entrance offset on the south is in a tall gabled vestibule and includes a set of double wooden doors. The replaced windows are one over one lights with a one light fixed semicircular light above.

The original entrance was originally on the western three bays wide facade. Original large pedimented windows have been replaced.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moscow Schoolhouse was built in 1890 on land purchased by the Board of County School Commissioners from Andrew B. Shaw. (1) Shaw's prominent family "laid out" the village of Moscow and Pekin as well as the town of Barton, on parts of their twelve hundred acre estate in the center of the George's Creek mining region. (2) A member of his family, Major Alexander B. Shaw of nearby Lonaconing served as the first school commissioners of the lower George's Creek area. (3)

Some schoolhouses were provided by the mining companies before the county's school building program was implemented in the mining region during the 1870's (4) It is possible that this large schoolhouse was built to replace a smaller one made obsolete by population growth. No Moscow schools were included in Scharfs' complete list of county schools of 1881. (5)

This schoolhouse like others built late in the nineteenth and early in the twentieth century is much larger than the one and two room schools built in the 1870's. Although drastically altered it stands as evidence of the progress of education in Allegany County during the nineteenth century.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 67, Folio 607
- (2) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia L.R. Titworth and Co.) p.1094
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners; Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca:Corncorness University Press)p.109-110
- (4) Ibid, p.110-111
- (5) John T. Scharf, History of Cumberland (Baltimore;Regional Publishing Co.) p.1355-1357

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Titworth and Co., 1923

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100'x100'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 17, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Property: MOSCOW SCHOOL HOUSE

Inventory # AL-VI-C-199

Liber # 265 Folio # 598
Grantee: MOSCOW CHURCH OF NAZARINE, INC.
Grantor: ALLEGANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Notes: _____

Date: SEPTEMBER 17, 1954
Consideration: _____

Liber # 256 Folio # 145
Grantee: ALLEGANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Grantor: BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALLEGANY COUNTY
Notes: _____

Date: December 6, 1953
Consideration: _____

Liber # 67 Folio # 607
Grantee: BOARD OF COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
Grantor: ANDREW B. SHAW ET UX
Notes: _____

Date: JANUARY 25, 1890
Consideration: \$350.00

Liber # _____ Folio # _____
Grantee: _____
Grantor: _____
Notes: _____

Date: _____
Consideration: _____

Liber # _____ Folio # _____
Grantee: _____
Grantor: _____
Notes: _____

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Grantee: _____
Grantor: _____
Notes: _____

Date: _____
Consideration: _____

INVENTORY NO: A2-VI-C-199

DATE: 6/26/79

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Moscow Schoolhouse

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 4th St. Moscow

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Nazarene Church of Moscow

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1(✓) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(✓) LOG
(✓) OTHER: Coverings germansiding
insubrick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random Rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick
all changed

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()
all changed

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: orig on west now removed double doors in
HARDWARE: original() replaced(✓)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards
tall gabled vestibule
on South

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: ORIG Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

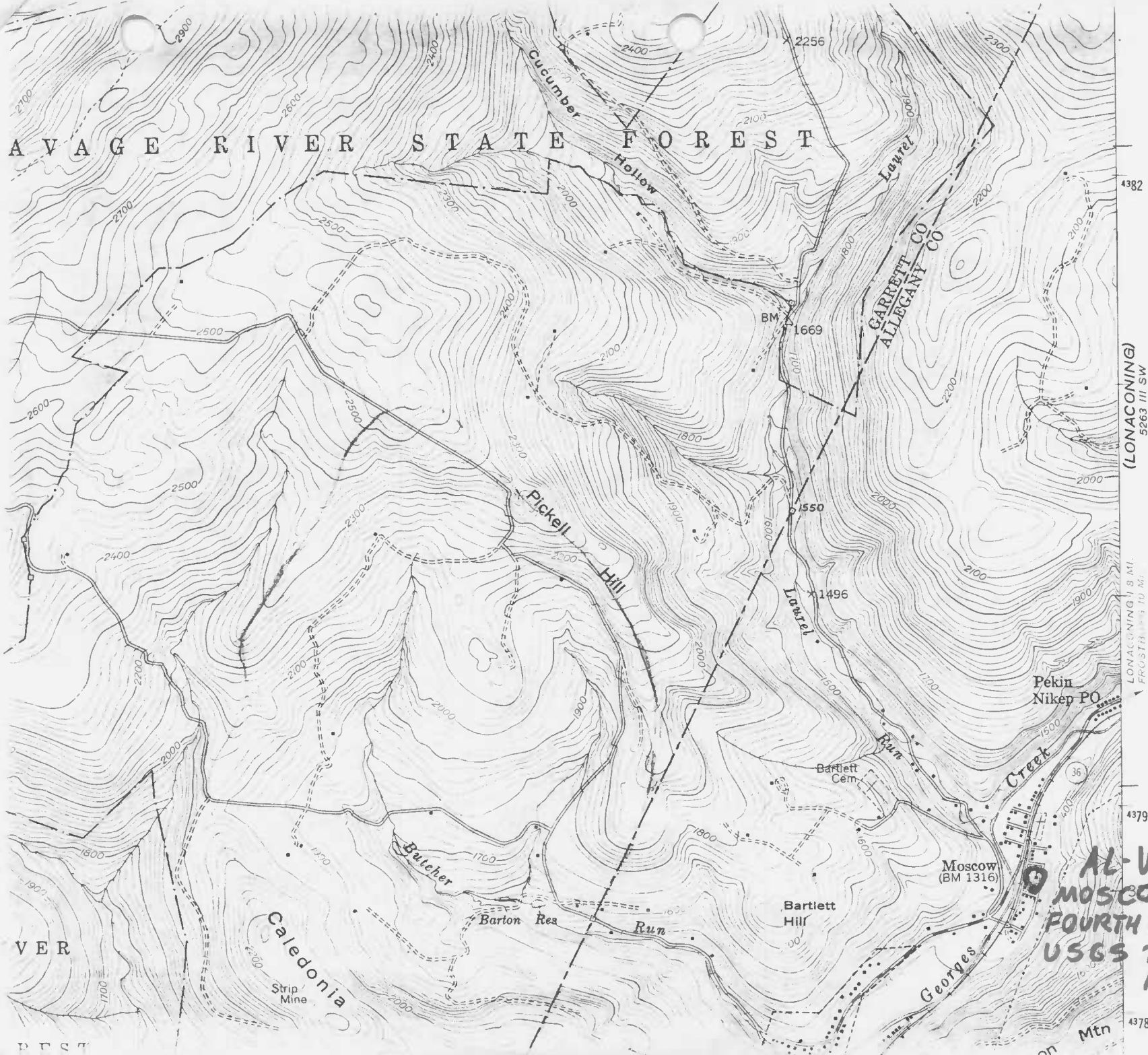
CHIMNEYS: removed Number: _____ Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

AVAGE RIVER STATE FOREST



(LONACONING)
5263 III SW

LONACONING 1.8 MI.
FRUSTB 1.5 MI.

Pekin
Nike PO

Moscow
(BM 1316)

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MOSCOW SCHOOLHOUSE
FOURTH ST. MOSCOW
USGS BARTON QUAD
1:24,000
1947

VER

REST



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MOSCOW SCHOOLHOUSE

FOURTH ST. MOSCOW

DAVID A. DORSEY

6/26/79

NORTHEAST